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1. "Despite the ostensible 'peace' policy towards the West which the USSR has appeared to pursue during the last few months [prior to July 1953] the anti-Western indoctrination of Soviet citizens is proceeding with full force. It is particularly strong in the armed forces.

Political Lectures to Officers

2. "On 10 April 53, Colonel N. Kovtun, an official of the Chief Political Administration of the Soviet Army, issued an instruction to the political administrations of all military districts of the USSR that the six political lectures read in 1952 in the 'Houses of the Officers' (Dom Ofitsera - Officers' Clubs) should be read again during 1953 in order to 'unmask the American-English instigators of a new war and educate the Soviet soldiers to strict vigilance.' The instruction also called for 'anti US exhibitions' to be organized in all Dom Ofitsera, to 'unmask the bloody history of American imperialism, the atrocities of American-English imperialists on Soviet soil during the years of foreign military interventions and civil war, and the crimes of American interventionists in Korea.' The instruction emphasized that the systematic ideological training of Soviet soldiers should follow these lines in 1953.
3. "The instruction did not mention the lectures by title. However, - ZA SOVIETSKUYU RODINU (Oct. 1952), the journal of the Baltic military district, states that in 1952 in Riga the following lectures supplied by the Chief Political Administration of Armed Forces were read to the officers at 'The House of the Officer of the Baltic Military District:'

'The American-English Imperialists- the Fiercest Enemies of the Soviet People';
'The Reactionary Essence and Aggressive Character of the Military Ideology of US Imperialism';
'Bacteriological Warfare - the Monstrous Crime of the US Imperialists Against Humanity';
'The US Army- the Tool of Robber American Imperialism';
'The Ideological Indoctrination of Soldiers in the US and British Armies';
'The Perfidious Methods of the Intelligence Services of the Imperialist States and the Task of Teaching Vigilance to the Soviet Fighters.'

These must have been the lectures to which Kovtun referred.

Political Lectures to CP Candidates

4. "The Tallinn War Commissariat maintains a political school called POLITSHKOLA TALLINSKOGO VOENNOGO KOMISSARIATA. This gives political education to those members of the Soviet forces who are candidates to membership in the CPSU. During the spring term of 1953 the following lectures were read at this school:

USA and England as the Instigators of a New World War -
USSR as the Fighter for a Durable Peace and the Friendship of Peoples
The Imperialist Colonial war of USA against Korea and China
The General Assembly of the United Nations as an Instrument of US Imperialist Policy.

5. "It is constantly impressed on the pupils that 'the statutes of the CPSU oblige every Communist constantly to explain to the broad non-party masses the policy and the resolutions of the Party and the government in the interests of establishing a durable peace and constantly to unmask the US and England as new instigators of a world war.' "

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